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**House Homeland Security Ranking Member Bennie G. Thompson Wants
Details of FEMA's "Hurricane Recovery Contracting Strategy"**

WASHINGTON—Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-MS) today asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for details of its announced "Hurricane Recovery Contracting Strategy."

FEMA has said it will award five-year technical assistance contracts for small disadvantaged businesses in the Gulf Coast.

"FEMA is taking a positive step by announcing that it plans to have a full and open competition for five-year contracts to provide technical assistance on a national basis for disaster response and recovery," the Rep. Thompson notes in a letter sent today to FEMA's Acting Director R. David Paulison. "I am concerned, however, that FEMA's announcement of this dual-track strategy is lacking in detail."

Rep. Thompson requests clarification for seven key areas of FEMA's announcement. A copy of the letter is attached.